

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 as an Amendment After Allowance. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-20 and 23-31 are pending in the application. Claims 21-22 were previously canceled. No amendments have been made to the claims. As specified under 37 C.F.R. 1.312, the Amendment is being filed prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

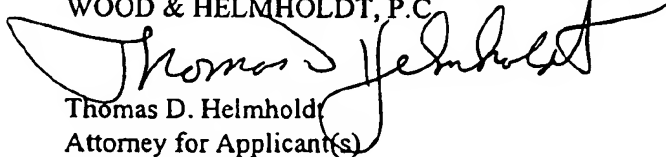
Paragraph [0005] of the specification is being amended to correct a typographical error. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed and this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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